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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants submit herewith a copy of a communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated June 7, 2005 corresponding to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 9-537913, in which the Examiner cited the following documents:

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 3-5930, laid-open January 11, 1991, which is accompanied by an English language abstract;

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 7-110965, laid-open June 5, 1987, which is accompanied by an English language abstract;

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 6-180863, laid-open June 28, 1994, which is accompanied by an English language abstract;

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2-214041, laid-open August 27, 1990, which is accompanied by an English language abstract and patent family member, U.S. Patent No. 5,197,060 to YATAKE, issued March 23, 1993;

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 9-265672, laid-open October 7, 1997, which is accompanied by an English language abstract;

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 9-259474, laid-open October 3, 1997, which is accompanied by an English language abstract and corresponding patent member, U.S. Patent No. 5,954,908 to AMO et al., issued September 21, 1999; and

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No.9-245386, laid-open September 19, 1997, which is accompanied by an English language abstract.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents. Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 5-20713;

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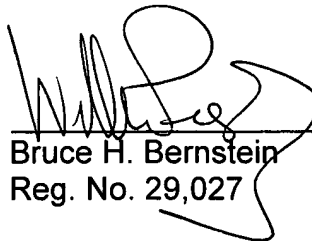
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